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## DEDICATION OF SKELDON LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORIES

Never since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth had the Lutheran High School at Skeldon looked so bright. Bunting and gaily coloured streamers gave a festive appearance to the compound which was packed with cars and people. Police Officers in dress uniforms could be seen everywhere directing vehicles and pedestrians. The sides of the old High School building were fairly bulging as over 600 people jammed into it, and many others were standing outside. Inside the platform was a maze of potted palms and loud speaking equipment.

The occasion was dedication and opening of the new \$30,000.00 Science Laboratories by His Excellency the Governor, Sir, Patrick Rension, on October 10, 1958. His Excellency made a special trip from Georgetown by airplane for this ceremony. He was greeted at the Skeldon Estate air strip by the Rev. A. R. Bowen and the Rev. W. J. Wolff. At the entrance to the Lutheran Compound he inspected a Police Guard of Honour and then was conducted on a tour of the Science Laboratories and the Classroom Block by members of the Board of Governors, along with officials of the Education Department. After examining the Science equipment that was on display His Excellency expressed surprise that the Laboratories were so well furnished, and complimented the Lutheran High School in its ambitious programme and energetic beginnings in Science.

After this brief preview of the Lab. His Excellency and the official party mounted the platform of the High School building while the crowds stood at silent attention. The programme, which was originally to be held outside and then had to be changed because of inclement weather, was ably conducted by the Hon. Brindley Benn, Minister of Education and Community Welfare. The people were welcomed by the Rev. F. D. Christhilf, Chairman of the Board, and after special music by the High School choir under the direction of Miss Ruth Zartman, a stirring report on the progress of High School was read by the Principal, Mr. Ongkar Narayan. Greetings were presented by Mr. J. Strathern, Manager (ag.) of Skeldon Estate, Mr. V. J. Sanger-Davies on behalf of Queen's College, and the Rev. W. J. Wolff on behalf of the United Lutheran Church in America. The high point in the programme was an address by His Excellency, Sir Patrick Rension, who compared Skeldon High School favourably with much larger High Schools in Georgetown, and pointed out the responsible role that the High School would have to play in developing Leaders to run the new local government organizations under the Marshall plan. He also stressed the need for a full rounded balance programme which includes both the arts and the sciences and said he was pleased when he learned that the intention of the Skeldon High School was to teach the whole child. Following this address, the Hon. Brindley Benn com-

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- Catechist E. Muckunlall

Mr. Samuel Doodnauth, Lay-Reader, who was a former member of this congregation was engaged to Miss Liloutie Sugrim of Bloomfield, Corentyne on September 22nd. Catechist E. Muckunlall performed the ceremony of engagement blessing. We wish Mr. Doodnauth God's blessing upon his life.



Mrs. Matilda Jeffey, a very kind member of the church for many years, is assisting very greatly in the work of the Church. She visits members and prospects every week, and on Sunday afternoons she gathers the children of the village and brings them to Sunday School. The enrolment is growing steadily. We render our humble prayers to our Lord and Saviour so that His work may continue to grow.

St. Barnabas Luther League, which was entirely out of existence, was reorganized a few weeks ago. We are expecting to receive a few adults into full membership in the church before the end of this year.

Infant Baptism:

1. Wellamay Latchman
2. Edward John
3. Retna M. Remsammy
4. Lloyd Ramsingh
5. Girjamani Ramsingh
6. Sandra V. Ramsingh
7. Edith P. Frazer
8. Derrick K. Ackloo
9. Esmay A. Ackloo
10. Iris Harry
11. Roy P. Lewis
12. George G. Moonsammy

Adult Baptism:

Lena Latchman Sooknandan

**Cottage Meetings:** A series of cottage meetings have been planned to arouse fellowship and interest in various phases of the church work, especially Stewardship, so that the 1958 goal can be reached.

**Sunday School:** On Promotion Sunday October 5th, many children were promoted to their new classes and some received gifts for regular attendance. The Superintendent of the Sunday School thanks Miss Ruth Zartman for procuring these gifts.

## Whim

Catechist D. Totoram

Church: We are grateful to see our new Church building completed, which would be dedicated on Sunday, November 9, 1958 at 11.00 a.m.

the good attendance we have in both Sunday Schools (Lancaster and Whim). We are also grateful to the teachers who paid regular visits to the children's homes.

Sunday School: We praise God for

Sunday School literature bills are all paid to December, 1958.



## St. JAMES

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## Continued

Election of new officers was held at the last Cabinet meeting and the following are the results:

H. Singh	..	President
Lennoz Sukdeo	..	Vice-President
Baby Ragoobir	..	Secretary

Other teachers are: L. Persaud, J. Seegobin, Misses L. Veerasammy, B. Nathoo

**Confirmation Classes:** Two classes are held every Wednesday. These classes are a great asset to the Luther League and other organizations. We are constantly praying that God will direct and guide

these youngsters in the right way as they come to these classes. Our enrolment is 34.

**Luther League:** There has been very good attendance during this year. We also praise God that we were able to reach our objective for the whole year. This was due to the pledge system that the league adopted.

"Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee."

## ST. MICHAEL — Ainess

**Church:** This congregation has felt a severe blow since Catechist T. C. Menzies went into retirement. On the 31st August, 1958 the many faithful members gathered at St. Michael Church building at Brother Menzies' farewell Service. Many expressed their love and sincerity to him and wished him many more happy days in the Lord's Vineyard.

He replied that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who protected him all through the years is the same yesterday today and forever and he will continue to watch over him as long he believes, loves and serves Him.

The example and life of this man of God is a challenge to all. His ministry was great and we respect him for his knowledge and for his expounding of the Scriptures. We would always like to remember him, and may God bless him wherever he may be.

**Congratulation:** We want to congratulate Mr. Victor Tannasse and Mrs. Silvie

Maharanie Tannasse who exchanged marriage vows in late August.

**Sunday School:** A Sunday School Cabinet was organized to meet monthly. The Officers are —

W. Soman	..	President
G. Tannasse	..	Vice-President
I. Tannasse	..	Secretary

Other teachers are — Cedric Maripen, D. Kampta, E. Tannasse and I. Mallay (keeping records.)

**Confirmation Class:** There are two regular classes every Thursday. We have 10 on roll.

**Luther League:** This League is growing and we are trying our best to revive attendance and stewardship.

We have business meetings now monthly, also the executive committee meets monthly.

Whatever is our progress we want to give praise only to Almighty God.

## BEL-AIR GEORGETOWN PARISH

The five Sunday Schools in the area conducted fine Promotion Day Services. Each Sunday School conducted home visitation prior to Promotion Sunday in order to obtain accurate information on children to be promoted. The teacher's filled out permanent record card's that will be kept in the Sunday School files for all future use. The home visitation resulted in an accurate promotion and for increase enrollment.

At the recent Worker's Conference the Sunday School Committee challenged each S.S. to work towards adding Intermediate classes to Sunday Schools this year. We are proud in the Bel Air Georgetown area to boast that two Sunday Schools have added Intermediate classes, St. Mary's Sunday School, Bel Air and Redeemer Sunday School, Campbellville making this area 100% in Intermediate Department in the Sunday Schools.

## REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH — Campbellville

Women's League Rally, October 5, 1958

Although Redeemer Lutheran Church, Campbellville has no women's group yet, the women of the Church were happy to be hostesses to 70 visiting women at a Women's League Rally on October 5, 1958

Women from local leagues in the area also took part in the program.

A report of the Thank-offering project was made revealing that the women of the Colony have now collected \$ towards their new goal.

A hearty thanks from the Rally visitors to Pastor W. J. Wolff, host Pastor, and the energetic Redeemer Church women for being such gracious hostesses.

Similar rallies will be held in New Amsterdam and Airy Hall, West Coast in October.

## ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LaRessouvenir

Pastor W. J. Wolff --

Catechist Arnold Persaud

An experimental Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Souvenir parish during the last two weeks of August. The Sunday School teachers willingly gave of their talents and time to help in this experimental school. The school was run every day for two weeks, meeting each morning from 9 to 11 30. a.m. An average attendance of 45 children per day was counted. A daily offering was received and the total offerings were spent to defray costs of the school. The school was able to pay for all expenses incurred. The teachers of the school felt

that the experiment was a great success and hope that it would be repeated again next year.

St. Andrew's Lutheran congregation praises God for His mercy and give thanks that their Catechist, Arnold Persaud is again able to give them his full assistance after being absent from his post for several weeks due to a long illness which caused him to be confined to the Georgetown Public Hospital.

## ❖ LOWER BERBICE RIVER PARISH ❖

PASTOR A. J. HENNE

St. Clement, Germania : St. Mark, MaRetraite.

The Lutheran Church will soon break ground for another primary school at Mara, East Bank Berbice, where the Land Settlement Department has now cleared a site of nearly seven acres for the establishment of a school and church plus additional residences. The scheme will lease seizeable tracts of land for rice farming, and it is expected that with the new influx of settlers from the coast the Mara area will become a strategic area of growth.

November to be completed in the first half of 1959.

The building of the Mara school is another instance of the fruitful opportunities which have been opened to the Lutheran Church in recent years to serve the growing educational needs of the colony. It is worthy of mention that throughout the early stages of planning and preparation of the site the Land Settlement Department has rendered ready assistance and advice, and the Department, through the office of the Superintendent, has assumed much of the responsibility for clearing the site and providing the necessary drainage facilities in order to hasten construction.

The Church expects that the contract for the building of the school will be awarded before November 1, and that construction may begin as early as



## UPPER BERBICE RIVER PARISH

PASTOR A. J. HENNE

## St Paul, Maria Henrietta

On October 12 Mr. Cyril Chu, Secretary of the Stewardship Committee, travelled half-way up the Berbice River to the oldest and largest congregation of the Berbice River Parish, St. Paul Maria Henrietta. The purpose of Mr. Chu's visit was to present to the members of St. Paul a picture of the church's work in British Guiana and to discuss with them the local problems and responsibilities which the congregation faces in meeting its apportionment goal. Meeting first with the members of the vestry, Mr. Chu proceeded to place clearly before the congregation the facts and figures as well as the meaning of stewardship. The members expressed their admiration for Mr. Chu's two and one-half hour effort and his straightforward suggestions for overcoming the hard economic conditions prevailing on the river.

Although Mr. Chu had previously visited the congregations on the River during the colony-wide Evangelism Mission of 1957, this was his first opportunity to meet informally with a congregation to explain the stewardship

program thoroughly. Catechist Duggin gathered a congregation of over forty members who remained to participate in the discussion, and he served ably as host to the stewardship secretary for the day.

The next visit of Mr. Chu on the river is being scheduled for December 7 at Mt. Hermon, St. Lust with the co-operation of Catechist Fredericks and the members of the vestry.

Meanwhile, Harvest programs for the river congregations have been conducted every week since the first Sunday in October, and they are scheduled to be concluded before the first Sunday in Advent. It requires eight weeks to complete the full round of Harvest services for the river parish.

The Harvest program at Mt. Carmel, Ituni on October 5, featured songs, playlets and recitations all well prepared by the children under the careful direction of Catechist Blair and assistant teacher, Carlyle Sakoor.

## ♦ ♦ GO TELL! ♦ ♦

"Go Tell" was the theme of our Women's League District Rallies held in October. Demerara Rally was held at Redeemer, Campbellville, October 5th approximately 75 people were present. The Berbice Rally was held at Ebenezer October 12th with at least 110 in attendance. The West Coast Rally was held October 19th at Airy Hall, here too, the attendance was gratifying with at least 130 present.

Instead of having one guest speaker for this Rally a study of Missions and work in India was presented in three phases — The Geography of India, The Women of India, and Lutheran Work in India. The following women presented these topics respectively: in Demerara area, Mrs. Wallace Wolff, Mrs. Stella Dookram and Mrs. Majorie Saunder — in Berbice, Miss M.

Fague, Mrs. S. Morrison and Mrs. W. Cox; and in West Coast area, Miss Petersen Mrs. C. Dillon and Mrs. Guthrie. We pray that this study of the work of Christ's Kingdom in this part of the world will not give us information but inspire us to greater service here in British Guiana and that our prayer life for other parts of the world shall be richer and more all inclusive.

Apart from the Mission Study recitations, dialogue and special musical numbers were rendered in keeping with the theme; these were given by individuals and groups among our Women's League membership in each area.

The Synodical Treasurer presented a report on our Thankoffering Project—the latest figure we have is \$1,400.00 in addition to the \$1,500.80 already given

## GO TELL!

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to the Church toward our project of the Old Folks Home. We want to express our gratitude to God for teaching us the blessings of a thankful heart. As we share with others we show our Love to our Heavenly Father. In the very near future, if you have not already received them, the various Leagues will be receiving books for outside reading materials. New program helps will be sent to you from time to time through the Educational Committee of which Miss Petersen is Chairman.

We are now going to look forward to

our next District Rallies to be held in February and our Bi-Annual Convention, of August, 1959. May God richly bless the efforts of the Women of our Church as they united in Christian fellowship and service in His Kingdom.

The Congregation on the River interested in Women's League have not been forgotten, materials have been sent to those who requested same and Pastor Henne also is co-operating with the Women's Executive for future development of Women's League within his parish.



## SKELDON PARISH



## EMMANUEL, Skeldon

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## Catechist H. Rajabally

We are not dreaming. We are in the midst of a crusade of gigantic proportions. If there was ever an hour of challenge, it is now. These are important and exciting days in which we live. We are trying to awaken our people so that the Church may grow stronger numerically and spiritually.

**Stewardship:** We encourage our members to give systemically. It is God's

way. "We do not give because we sit in the pews on Sunday: we do not give because we want to receive. We give because we have received." We have to remove all false ideas in connection with giving. God's portion ought to be offered voluntarily, and not extracted by begging.

**Instruction class:** Our present class is well attended and the members enjoy the discussions during the sessions.

## ST. PHILIP'S, Springlands

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## Catechist H. Rajabally

September 10, 11 and 12 were three red Letter days. Our congregation was privileged to have another Preaching Mission under the guidance of the Almighty Who used the Catechist to direct the Mission. Our General Area Committee was composed of the pastor, the Catechist, Mr. Cyril Singh, Mrs. Angela and Mrs. Joseph. Working directly under this Committee was the Lay Visitors group.

For the three evenings, 5 teams of Lay visitors made regular visits to all the people living in the Rampoor section of Springlands. Before going calling, the visitors received instructions from Pastor Christhilf, and after each service they reported on the results of their calls.

Wednesday, September 17: Mr. Cyril S. Chu, Evangelism and Stewardship

Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in B.G., was our guest preacher for the night. His message was so dynamic, everybody was held under his spell. His theme was "Evangelism." Afterwards he met with the lay visitors.

Thursday, September 18: This night we had a double treat. The Rev. Arthur Henne, the Berbice River Pastor, was the guest preacher. Speaking on the theme "Stewardship," Pastor Henne stressed the need to be living stewards for God in His vineyard. After the message there was a film on "Education on India."

Friday, September 19: Seeing the string of lights around the creche where we worship people were once more attracted to our Mission. The Rev. William E. Cox of Ebenezer Lutheran Church spoke on the theme "Christian"



# St. Philips Church - Continued

Responsibilities." His words were fluent and piercing reaching the hidden depths of some hard hearts. Pastor Cox also met the lay visitors and complimented them on their fine undertaking, even though their numbers were small.

These men have really planted the seeds. We are going to water, and surely God will give the growth.

On Monday, September 22, we had a fine evening at the annual congregational dinner. The new members that were received during the year were welcomed

into the fellowship of St. Phillips. There was plenty to eat, a nice social evening, and the film, "Land of many Waters"

**Stewardship :** This congregation is among those which have exceeded their apportionment for the year already. We are happy that the members have responded to God's grace in this way, and we know that He will continue to help us.

**Instruction Class:** There were seven people in the class, and we expect more as a result of the Preaching Missions.

## Dedication of Skeldon Lutheran High School Science Laboratories — Continued

mented on the programme and urged the gathering to take an active interest in developing their country.

Leaving the old building at this point, the entire crowd moved into the large open field at one end of the new laboratories and participated in the Service of Dedication that was conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bowen, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Cox and the Rev. Arthur Henne. With great solemnity, His Excellency, Sir Patrick Reinson cut the maroon and white ribbon, and in orderly fashion the people went through the Chemistry and Physics-Biology laboratories, carefully examining the intricate and costly equipment. For the majority of them it was like walking into a new world; they had never seen anything like it before.

Those of us who have a direct connection with Skeldon Lutheran High School

were very proud that day to see such recognition given to one of our Lutheran institutions. It represented the culmination of the dreams and aspirations and hard work of many men over a period of years. It was like a dream come true. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of the men and women of the Lutheran Church in British Guiana and in the U.S.A. who made it possible. Seidon has the Lutheran Church made a more significant and strategic contribution than these Science Laboratories which will provide the only scientific training for literally thousands of people in the eastern part of British Guiana. Our only hope is that the High School on the whole may become increasingly worthy of the great trust that has been placed in its hands, and will accept the challenge to provide good leadership for this rapidly developing country that will soon take its place among the nations of the world.



## Skeldon Parish

Apportionment \$619.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
1. NATIVITY	256.00	193.00	63.00	
2. EMMANUEL	221.00	330.00		109.00
3. ST. PHILIP	142.00	142.00		
	\$619.00	665.00	63.00	
ST. MATTHIAS		90.00		
ST. BARNABAS		80.00		
	\$619.00	835.00	63.00	109.00

## Lower Corentyne Parish

Apportionment \$2,368.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
4. ST. LUKE	300.00	158.00	142.00	
5. ST. STEPHEN	318.00	112.00	206.00	
6. ST. MICHAEL	239.00	210.00	29.00	
7. ST JAMES	221.00	221.00		
8. ST JOHN	821.00	410.00	402.00	
9. ST PETER	239.00	151.00	88.00	
10. ST BARTHOLOMEW	230.00	144.00	86.00	
	<u>\$2,368.00</u>	<u>1,415.00</u>	<u>953.00</u>	

## Canje &amp; Lower Berbice River Parish.

Apportionment \$1,876.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
11. TRANSFIGURATION	540.00	220.00	320.00	
12. ST THOMAS	576.00	310.00	266.00	
13. ST CATHERINE	283.00	36.00	247.00	
14. ST MARK	221.00	150.00	71.00	
15. ST CLEMENT	256.00	162.00	94.00	
	<u>\$1,876.00</u>	<u>878.00</u>	<u>998.00</u>	

## New Amsterdam Parish.

Apportionment \$4,031.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
16. EBENEZER	3,411.00	2,062.00	1,348.00	
17. ST TIMOTHY	620.00	410.00	210.00	
	<u>\$4,031.00</u>	<u>2,472.00</u>	<u>1,558.75</u>	

## Upper Berbice River Parish.

Apportionment \$4,419.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
18. GRACE	532.00	366.00	166.00	
19. REFORMATION	585.00	210.00	375.00	
20. ATONEMENT	310.00	27.00	283.00	
21. IIT HERMON	709.00	150.00	559.00	
22. ST PAUL	939.00	318.00	621.00	
23. MT CARMEL	857.00	237.00	620.00	
24. MT OLIVET	487.00	235.00	252.00	
	<u>\$4,419.00</u>	<u>\$1,543.00</u>	<u>\$2,876.00</u>	

## West Coast Berbice Parish

Apportionment \$2,213.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
25. GOOD SHEPHERD	363.00	160.00	203.00	
26. RESURRECTION	274.00	182.00	92.00	
27. NAZARETH	204.00	55.00	149.00	
28. FAITH	248.00	226.00	22.00	
29. ADVENT	230.00	90.00	140.00	
30. HOPE	416.00	116.00	300.00	
31. CHRIST	478.00	82.00	396.00	
	<u>\$2,213.00</u>	<u>911.00</u>	<u>1,302.00</u>	



## Upper East Coast Parish

Apportionment \$831.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
32. BETHANY	256.00	50.00	206.00	
33. ST. MATTHEW	230.00	NIL	230.00	
34. HOLY COMMUNION	345.00	50.00	295.00	
	<u>\$831.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>731.00</u>	

## Buxton Parish

Apportionment \$1,195.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
35. SALEM	248.00	177.00	71.00	
36. MESSIAH	292.00	190.34	101.66	
37. HOLY TRINITY	389.00	150.00	239.00	
38. SADHU SUNDAR SINGH	266.00	150.00	116.00	
	<u>\$1,195.00</u>	<u>\$667.34</u>	<u>\$527.66</u>	

## Bel Air Parish

Apportionment \$1,210.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
39. ST. ANDREW	353.00	199.50	153.50	
40. ST. MARY	380.00	135.00	245.00	
41. REDEEMER	477.00	400.00	77.00	
	<u>\$1,210.00</u>	<u>\$734.50</u>	<u>\$475.50</u>	

## Georgetown Parish

Apportionment \$2,123.00

Congregations	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
42. CALVARY	780.00	780.00		
43. EPIPHANY	1,060.00	665.00	395.00	
44. MT. ZION	283.00	120.00	163.00	
	<u>\$2,123.00</u>	<u>\$1,565.00</u>	<u>\$558.00</u>	
VREED-EN-HOOP		75.00		
		<u>\$1,640.00</u>		

Parishes	Apportionment	Paid	Due	Over
1. SKELDON	\$ 619.00	\$ 665.00	\$	\$46.00
2. LOWER CORENTYNE	2,368.00	1,415.00	953.00	
3. CANJE & LOWER BERBICE RIVER	1,876.00	878.00	998.00	
4. NEW AMSTERDAM	4,031.00	2,472.25	1,558.75	
5. UPPER BERBICE RIVER PARISH	4,419.00	1,543.00	2,876.00	
6. WEST COAST BERBICE	2,213.00	911.00	1,302.00	
7. UPPER EAST COAST	831.00	100.00	731.00	
8. BUXTON	1,195.00	667.34	527.66	
9. BEL AIR	1,210.00	734.50	475.50	
10. GEORGETOWN	2,123.00	1,565.00	558.00	
	<u>\$20,885.00</u>	<u>\$10,951.09</u>	<u>\$9,979.91</u>	<u>\$46.00</u>

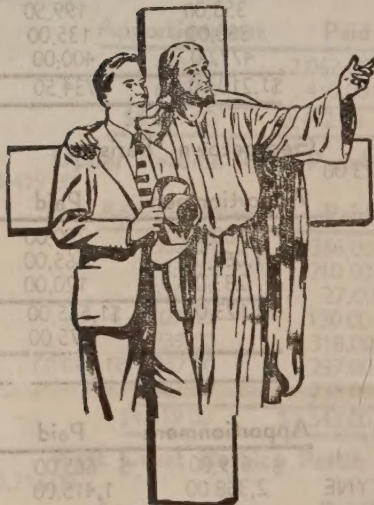
Apportionment	\$20,885.00
Excess from Skeldon Parish	46.00
	<u>\$20,931.00</u>

Amount received to September 30, 1958	\$10,951.09
Outstanding	9,979.91
	<u>\$20,931.00</u>

Total	\$10,951.00
Amounts received from Preaching Points	343.00

\$11,294.09

(Sgd.) Cyril S. Chu,  
for Stewardship Office.



" SHARE CHRIST TODAY "